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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 7, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 7, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments To The Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.